

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

AREA 1 – ETWALL

Wednesday, June 6th, 2018 at Hilton Village Hall

PRESENT:-

South Derbyshire District Council representatives

Councillor Mrs Lisa Brown (Chair), Councillor Andy Billings, Councillor Martyn Ford, Councillor David Muller, Councillor Mrs Julie Patten.

Allison Thomas – Strategic Director (Service Delivery).
Ian Hey – Community Partnership Officer.
Tom Sloan – Clerk.

Derbyshire County Council representatives

Councillor Martyn Ford, Councillor Mrs Julie Patten.

Derbyshire Police representatives

Sergeant Graham Summers, PCSO Jamie Gutberlet.

Parish Council / Meeting representatives

Ian Bennett (Etwall Parish Council), Robert Brooks (Hilton Parish Council), Steve Cooper (Hilton Parish Council), Anne du Celliee Muller (Etwall Parish Council), Emma Johnson-Beale (Hilton Parish Council), David Neal (Etwall Parish Council).

Members of the public

Jo Bagley (CVS), Sue Creeth, Tony Creeth, Jayne Davies, Rob Davies (Hilton Youth United), Mark Hunt (CVS), Richard Murrell (CVS), Cynthia Warren, Tim Wherly.

EA/1 **Open meeting**

a. Introductions and apologies

Councillor Mrs Amy Plenderleith, Councillor Andy Roberts.

b. Declarations of interest

None.

c. Chair's announcements

Councillor Mrs Lisa Brown provided a summary of planning applications affecting the area, including one for 177 homes at the Mease, Hilton.

d. To receive the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

EA/2 **Safer Neighbourhood report**

Sgt Graham Summers reported that the area had been the quietest in South Derbyshire in the previous three to four months. The area had been run from a Safer Neighbourhood perspective by a single Police Community Support Officer (PCSO).

PCSO Jamie Gutberlet updated the meeting on incidents which had taken place in the area, including:

- A cannabis warning issued in Green Lane, Burnaston, in February.
- Six illegal immigrants arrested in Etwall.
- The arrest of a man who stole a push-bike at Toyota.
- The destruction of a cannabis grow found in Findern.
- A spate of burglaries in Etwall which involved a silver Audi; the car was eventually stopped by traffic officers in Belper. The investigation was ongoing.
- The occupants of a van spoken to in connection with stones thrown at cars in the area. Not enough evidence to prosecute.
- The monitoring of parking at Etwall Leisure Centre. A football league had been spoken to but the season had ended until August. The situation would be revisited in winter.

Councillor Julie Patten raised a lorry spilling its load of bricks at an island in Hilton. The bricks had been moved to the edge of the road. Could nothing be done to prosecute the driver? Sgt Summers replied that generally a vehicle had to be in situ for a prosecution to be viable. No one had been hurt in the incident. Had the police attended and the incident been more serious then the vehicle would have been impounded and an investigation undertaken.

A resident reported an off-duty police officer who had caught some youths smoking cannabis at Sutton Lane, Etwall. He called for back-up but no

officers came. Sgt Summers replied that he would investigate and find out what had happened before reporting back to the Forum.

ACTION: Sgt Graham Summers to report back on incident

Councillor David Muller reported racing bikes riding three abreast in the area, causing issues for motorists. What control did the police have regarding the problem? Sgt Summers replied that the police had absolutely no control whatsoever. What the riders were doing was legal. Allison Thomas added that, for organised cycling events, permission was needed from the Highways Authority if the route took in a major road. County councils got involved in putting in rolling road-blocks for certain events but for a group of people going out at weekends the situation was different. Cyclists also regularly brought revenue into an area. Councillor Ford added that there was a velodrome in Derby which would benefit from cyclists' usage.

EA/3 **Communities update**

Ian Hey reported that:

- The Community Partnership Scheme, a new £250,000 fund for capital projects in South Derbyshire, had been launched. Projects seeking funding needed to show how they would impact on SDDC's Corporate Plan and Community Strategy. He was available to help with advice for projects and potential applications.
- Safer and Stronger Neighbourhood Grants were still available, with all six areas in South Derbyshire receiving £4,000 per year. Projects which had an impact on community safety were encouraged, but a broad view was taken on what was eligible. No projects had yet been forthcoming from the Etwall area and only £971 was spent in 2017-18.
- SDDC's Adult Activities Brochure outlining leisure activities available to adults in the district had been published.
- Hilton had started the process of getting a Neighbourhood Development Plan. Anyone interested should get involved with it and local opinion mattered. The plan would have an impact on future development for years to come.

Mark Hunt explained the Safer Homes Scheme, a CVS initiative to help with home improvements for the over-60s and other vulnerable residents.

EA/4 **Local authority issues & public questions**

Mrs Thomas told the meeting it was her first area forum as a participant after she arrived as a Strategic Director at SDDC, but she was aware of the meetings as a resident. She'd previously worked at DCC as a Director and now had a large, public-facing directorate at SDDC. She was aware of some waste collection issues in Hilton over the previous Christmas and

New Year. A report had gone to committee and new service policies had been adopted, and related documents can be viewed here:

<http://south-derbys.cmis.uk.com/south-derbys/Document.ashx?czJKcaeAi5tUFL1DTL2UE4zNRBcoShgo=jllegSSL1ayJ45UmwgrrXLF%2bjgS8WAAzi7sSGsvU549FV0mgLlwiaw%3d%3d&rUzwRPf%2bZ3zd4E7lkn8Lyw%3d%3d=pwRE6AGJFLDNlh225F5QMaQWCtPHwdhUfCZ%2fLUQzgA2uL5jNRG4jdQ%3d%3d&mCTIbCubSFfXsD GW9IXnlq%3d%3d=hFflUdN3100%3d&kCx1AnS9%2fpWZQ40DXFvdEw%3d%3d=hFflUdN3100%3d&uJovDxwdjMPoYv%2bAJvYtyA%3d%3d=ctNJFf55vVA%3d&FgPIIEJYlotS%2bYGoBi5oIA%3d%3d=NHdURQburHA%3d&d9Qjji0aq1Pd993jsyOJqFvmyB7X0CSQK=ctNJFf55vVA%3d&WGewmoAfeNR9xqBux0r1Q8Za60lavYmz=ctNJFf55vVA%3d&WGewmoAfeNQ16B2MHuCpMRKZMwaG1PaO=ctNJFf55vVA%3d>

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Mrs Thomas felt that SDDC had not communicated effectively what was happening and could do far better in future. The option of getting crews to collect rubbish between Christmas and New Year was being explored, as was the possibility of the Council's external waste collector working during the holiday period.

Councillor Ford reported on two issues which had been raised at the previous Etwall Area Forum – a pavement request in Burnaston Lane, Etwall and traffic calming in Chestnut Grove. There were two potential solutions in Burnaston Lane. One depended on a £60,000 bid for funding to build a large restraining wall and the other was negotiations between the landowner and Parish Council for a strip of land to build a pavement. Chestnut Grove was complicated because of services under the road. They would present a cost implication.

EA/5 **Presentation on local community initiative**

Rob and Jayne Davies from Hilton Youth United delivered a presentation on the group they had founded in September, 2016 to provide young people aged 10-16 in the village with some engagement and activities. It now involved around 80 children every week for one-and-a-half hours on a

Thursday evening. More volunteers were needed. Councillor Mrs Brown described it as a tremendous, mind-blowing effort.

EA/6 **Summary of any agreed priorities / actions**

No priorities were agreed for the police and there was one action for Sgt Summers to investigate and report back on the incident at Sutton Lane.

EA/7 **Close and date of next meeting**

The next meeting would be held on October 9th at Sutton on the Hill Village Hall.

**Councillor Lisa Brown
Chair**

The meeting terminated at 7.50pm.